aircraft/engine registered in India. Compliance of this is essential for continued validity of the Certificate of Airworthiness.

Obsolete Aircrafts in IA and AI

† 536. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the aircrafts belonging to IA and AI have become obsolete;

(b) if so, how old are the various aircrafts of Air India and Indian Airlines;

(c) whether Government have formulated any phased scheme to purcahse new aircrafts in place of these aircrafts; and

(d) if so, by when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV); (a) and (b) The fleet of Air India Limited consists of 25 aircrafts at present (including two aircraft on dry lease) with average age of 14.00 years. The fleet of Indian Airlines/ Alliance Air consists of 52 aircraft with average age of 16.4 years.

(c) and (d) Air India is inducting aircraft on dry lease for fleet rationalisation and growth. Indian Airlines is presently carrying out a Techno-Economic study for acquisition of aircraft. On completion of the study, a project report will be submitted to the Government after approval of the Board of Directors.

Installation of Safety System AT IGIA

537. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first phase of the much hyped category-Ill system, a navigational aide for safe landing of aircraft in poor visibility, installed recently at the Indira

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.